

REMARKS

I. CHANGES IN THE ABSTRACT AND SPECIFICATION

The abstract was objected to under M.P.E.P. 608.01 (b) for using unclear language and legal phraseology.

The above new abstract replaces the originally filed abstract. The new abstract does not include unclear language or legal phraseology. The subject matter of the abstract summarizes the subject matter of the new claims 11 and 19.

For the foregoing reasons withdrawal of the objection to the abstract is respectfully requested.

Some standard section headings and a cross-reference to the priority document have been added to the specification in accordance with the rules.

II. ANTICIPATION REJECTION

Claims 1 and 4 were rejected as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) by Dalvi, et al (Indian Journal of Chem. 1985, as reported in the STIC Search Report at page 86, three lower formulae).

Claims 1 and 4 have been canceled, obviating their rejection on this ground. No new claims have been filed with the same limitations or scope as these canceled claims.

III. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 2 – 3 and 5 to 10 were only objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

IV. NEW CLAIMS

New claims 11 to 19 have been filed and the originally filed claims 1 to 10 have been canceled.

The new independent agent claim 11 includes subject matter from the allowable claims 5 and 7 as well as the subject matter of claim 1. Also new independent claim 11 contains subject matter from the second full paragraph on page 10 of the originally filed specification regarding cosmetic additive ingredients, which can be included in the claimed agent. In addition, new claim 11 also contains subject matter from page 7, last eight lines, of the specification regarding direct dyes that can be included in the agent.

New dependent claims 12 to 16 are agent claims, which contain subject matter from canceled derivative claims 2 and 3 and agent claims 4, 5, and 6 respectively.

New dependent agent claim 17 claims preferred Y groups from formula (I), which were originally designated with “(preferably)” in canceled claim 1.

New dependent agent claim 18 claims preferred A₁ and A₂ structures indicated as "preferred" in the original canceled claim 1.

New independent compound claim 19 claims the allowable compounds of canceled claim 2.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawing be further amended or corrected in formal respects to put this case in condition for final allowance, then it is requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing the case to allowance, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 1-631-549-4700.

In view of the foregoing, favorable allowance is respectfully solicited.

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